

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 12, 2014 Meeting
Public Services Administration Building
Needham, MA

IN ATTENDANCE

TMAC Members: Anthony Del Gaizo, Richard P. Merson, Stephen DeLisi, John Kraemer, Mark Rosen and Glen Schneider

Technical Advisor: Robert Wilson

Guests: Sarah Gibbons, Felicia Mathias, Marcia Nizzari, Matt Herlihy, Peter Pingitore, Shamus Feeney, Michael Mathias, Valerie Maio, Abby Cheng, James _____, _____, _____, Kai Austin, Andrew Allen, Michael Leschinski.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at approximately 7:05 p.m. by Mark Rosen.

AGENDA ITEMS THAT WERE DISCUSSED

I. Intersection Signage at Webster Street/Highland Avenue

Felicia Mathias presented her and other residents' concerns that vehicles headed north and turning right from Webster onto Highland (the corner on which Temple Beth Shalom is located) do not look to see if pedestrians are in the cross walk and turn right into them. Ms. Mathias and others in attendance on this Agenda Item believe the current signage is confusing and suggested various alternatives to the current signage so drivers understand that they cannot turn right when there are pedestrians in the cross walk.

After much discussion of the problem and potential solutions the TMAC voted to recommend that a traffic regulation be prepared for "No Turn On Red 7:30-8:30 AM, 2:30-3:30 PM, Monday-Friday" signs for Webster Street northbound and southbound at the Highland Avenue intersection.

II. Signage Speed on Central Avenue/Webster Street

Marcia Nizzari presented her concerns to install a yellow 20 mph flashing sign to slow vehicles down; install a red flashing stop sign (like the one that was recently installed at West and Hillside) at Webster and Central; and have the police department make a greater effort to enforce the speed limit on Central Avenue.

After discussion of the availability and propriety of the options requested by Ms. Nizzari, the TMAC voted to recommend that the Needham DPW Highway Division be asked to attach a

high-visibility reflective red strip to the existing 'STOP' sign post on Webster Street at Central Avenue to increase visibility of the 'STOP' sign in lieu of installing a flashing 'STOP' sign.

III. Follow Up- Paul Revere Road Traffic Study

Bob Wilson presented the findings of the traffic study on Paul Revere Road. The results did not support any change in the speed limit or signage. Michael Leschinski expressed his concerns that notwithstanding the results of the traffic study.

After further discussion of potential means to slow traffic down, the TMAC voted to have granite curbing installed on either side of Paul Revere Road for 200 feet at the bottom of the hill (near #157) which will act as a speed calming device.

IV. Other Business

In response to the complaint of the Ferndale Road resident, Ron Cronin, at the October 8, 2014 meeting of the TMAC, a report of the designer of the High Rock School bus turnaround was read into the minutes.

The All Night Parking Permit of Charlotte Culgin was approved.

A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes of the October 8, 2014 TMAC meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Minutes compiled and summarized by those present at the November 12, 2014 TMAC meeting.